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PROCESS TO PREPARE BASE OILS FROM A FISHER-)   
TROPSCH SYNTHESIS PRODUCT )

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.115**

Prior to taking up the case for examination, please amend the application as follows:

Please replace the abstract with the abstract following: